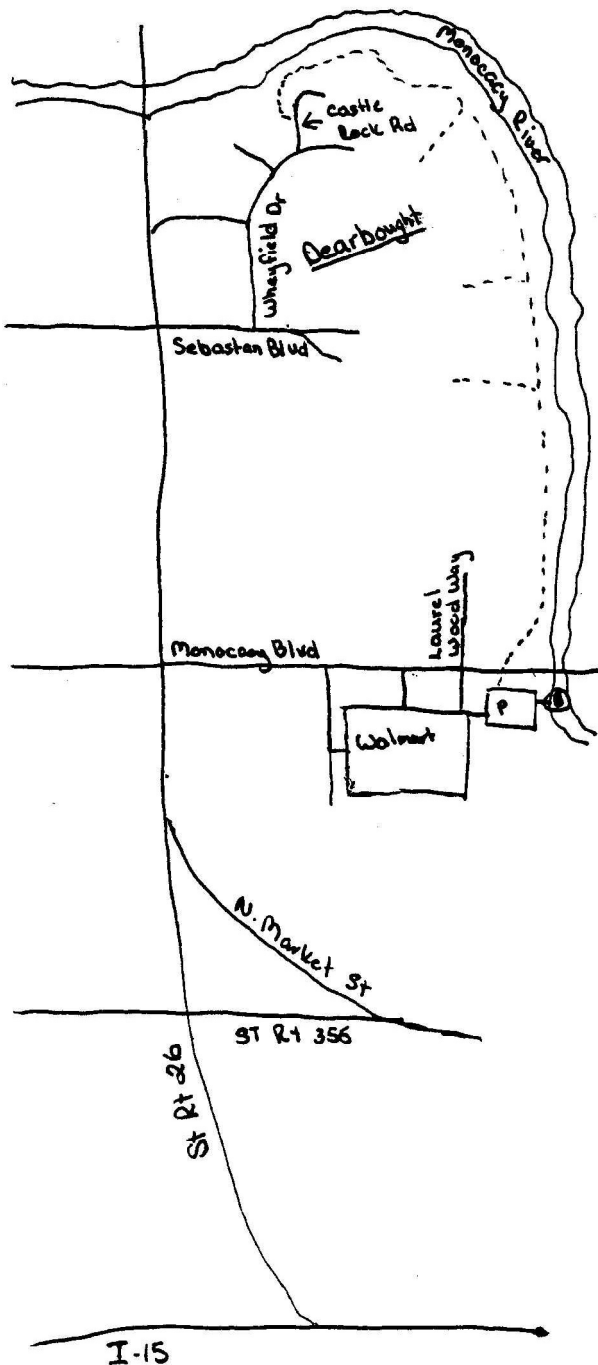


# Local Walking Trail

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## Dearbought Park Trail



This is an easy paved trail where it is simple to spot all kinds of birds and wildlife. The trail is three miles long round trip and follows the Monocacy River for its entire length. What is difficult is finding the start of the trail.

The safest place to leave a car is in the new parking lot between the Walmart parking lot and the river. This parking lot is also used for the boat ramp and the soccer fields. The trail is not marked. To find it, walk under the bridge beside the river. The paved trail starts at the small line of trees.

To find the starting point at the other end of the trail, enter the Dearbought subdivision on Sebastian Boulevard. Turn left onto Wheyfield Drive and then left onto Castle Rock Road. The trail starts between the fourth and fifth house on the left. The only parking available here is on the street.

I walked this trail in the morning and spotted a red fox and a white tailed deer. There were so many White Throated Sparrows that I lost count. I also saw the following birds: Blue Jay, Cardinal, Dark-eyed Junco, Red Tailed Hawk, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Pileated Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Carolina Chickadee, Northern Flicker, American Goldfinch, Tufted Titmouse, and two Mallard Ducks gliding downstream on the Monocacy River. You must hike this trail!!!!!!

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